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DECLARATION OF MS. ISMAY HILARY RATLIFF

I, Ismay Hilary Ratliff, make the following declaration:


1. I am a patent attorney employed by CarnaudMetalbox plc, and was employed by CarnaudMetalbox plc before CarnaudMetalbox plc became part of Crown Cork & Seal Company, Inc.
2. I am familiar with the disclosure and claimed invention of pending United States Patent Application Number 10/024,862 (the "862 application"). The 862 application claims priority to international application PCT/GB/96/00709, filed March 25, 1996 and to Great Britain application GB 9510515, filed May 24, 1995.
3. The listed inventors of the 862 application are Mouayed Mamhooh Brifcani, Peter James Hinton, and Mark Christopher Kysh. At the time the invention disclosed and claimed in the 862 application was conceived and reduced practice, the invention disclosed and claimed in the 862 application was owned by CarnaudMetalbox plc.
4. I am also familiar with the subject matter disclosed in United States Patent Number 5,911,551 (the "551 patent"). The 551 patent claims priority to Great Britain application GB 9414643, filed July 20, 1994.
5. The listed inventor of the 551 patent and the person who developed the subject matter disclosed in the 551 patent is Mr. Peter Moran. At the time the subject matter of the 551 patent was developed and at the time the invention disclosed and claimed in the 862 application was conceived and reduced practice, the subject matter of the 551 patent was owned by CarnaudMetalbox plc.

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6. At the time the subject matter of the 551 patent was developed and at the time the invention disclosed and claimed in the 862 application was conceived and reduced practice, CarnaudMetalbox plc and CarnaudMetalbox (Holdings) USA, Inc. were owned by CarnaudMetalbox S.A.
7. All statements made of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.
8. I acknowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and may result in the invalidity or unenforceability of any application or patent issuing thereon.

Date: 3rd October 2003

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